

*The* **CASE** *between* **Doctor John Badger**  
*and the Colledge of* **Physicians London:**

Who in *July, August, and September*, in the year 1683,  
 Presented himself to the *President and Censors* to be examined:

**Doctor Thomas Coxe** President.

**Doctor Thomas Collins** Senior Register.

Doctor { *Walter Charleton,*  
*Thomas Allen,*  
*Nathaniel Hodges,*  
*Edward Hulst,* } Censors.



**A**ND was by them examined Three several Times in  
 Latine, according to the Form of the Statutes in  
 that Case provided; and was approved by them,  
 and had leave given by the President and Censors,  
 after Examination to visit the Fellows, and did  
 accordingly visit all the Fellows, in order to be admitted Li-  
 centiate, and at the same time was requested and desired by  
 them, in the behalf of the whole Colledge; and withal com-  
 plemented, how extreamly I should oblige and highly honour  
 that Society, if I would be pleased to suspend my Admission  
 of Licentiate (and which they contest they could not deny)  
 till such time as I had quitted my Employment in Pharmacy,  
 and compleated my Degree (being then Batchelour in Physick)  
 of Doctor in the University; and that then, without any far-  
 ther trouble of visiting the Fellows, or other Examinations,  
 and for the very same Fees, by vertue of those Examinations  
 standing registred in their Books (if they escape the fate of be-  
 ing cut out, as some other things have been) I might be ad-  
 mitted Candidate, the more honourable station in their Society,  
 and which I better deserved, and they did then propose to me

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Doctor *Lifter's* Case, as a President for the same thing : On these Considerations I submitted to and gratified their Request.

Four years now elapsed, and by their advice, having regularly compleated my Degree of Doctor in Physick ( *July 6. 1687.* ) performing all Exercises required by the Statutes of the University of *Cambridge* ( and as 14, 15 of *Hen. 8.* accomplishing all things for his Form, without any grace ) as my Diploma to them shewn, and the Register in that University will sufficiently testify; I applied my self to the then President of the Colledge in the year 1687, for my Admission ( as formerly directed and promised, by the President and Censors, in the behalf of the whole Colledge in the year 1683. ) from whom I had a courteous reception, and acknowledgement that it was all the Reason and Justice in the World that I should have my Admission, besides, saith he, we cannot deny it you; and then advised me to wait till next Colledge day, and there give my attendance; which I accordingly did, and was then deferred to another opportunity, by reason the Colledge was then ingaged in private business (*viz.* Making New Statutes of Exclusion) and no publick business would at that time be entred on; I attended again and again, and was still deferred: During these delays the private business is effected, and the New Statutes of Exclusion are made, and promulgated in the Theatre, *September 28. 1687.*

After these New Statutes were made, I was advised to wait on the President and Censors on a private Colledge day, to demand my Admission, and did accordingly; and had for Answer from them their New Statutes, which Mr. Register would needs read: To which I answered, These Statutes cannot relate to my Case, being made above four years since the desires, requests, and directions of this Board, in behalf of the whole Colledge, were made to me to suspend my Admission till I had compleated my Degree of Doctor; besides, I have lately attended several times on the Colledge for my Admission in *July, August, September 1687.* since I was Doctor in Physick, and before these Statutes were made or promulgated.

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However, so it was, that unless I would abjure the Company of Apothecaries (as well as I had, by their advice and directions, quitted my employment in Pharmacy in the year 1684.) and bring it attested under the hand, or by the person of a Publick Notary, that I had relinquish'd and abjured that Society, I should not be admitted.

And now, I will give you some Statutes of the Colledge, as also an Advertisement publish'd in the Gazette; with what they have annexed to his most Sacred Majesties Letters, and publish'd by the consent of the whole Colledge, to shew to the World their fair dealing with all men, and care for the Publick Good.

### STATUTES of the Colledge of PHYSICIANS.

Chap. 11. Of the Candidates. *We will and ordain, That each Candidate and Licentiate, before they be admitted, visit all the Fellows of the Colledge twice, to ask leave, to wit, the first time before any Examination, the second, when the Examinations are ended.*

Chap. 15. Of Licentiates. *Seeing by no means (unless by Examination) it can be manifest to us, how every one is qualified, to be admitted to the Practice of Physick according to the Laws of the Kingdom; We appoint and ordain, That none be admitted to the Practice of Physick within the City, Suburbs, and seven miles round about, unless he has been first examined thrice (on so many days appointed for that purpose) by the President and Censors, and by them approved and permitted to the Practice of Physick.*

*For we think it just, That the Censors and Fellows should admit to the Practice of Physick all examined persons, as many as they shall find qualified, as well for Learning as Manners, lest our Colledge should be accused of a Monopoly; yet so that they obey the Statutes of the Colledge.*

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**W**Hereas there are in and about this City several Persons practising Physick, who have not yet been examined and licensed by the President and Censors of the Colledge of Physicians, these are

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to require all such persons forthwith to repair to the said President and Censors, for their Examination and Licence to practise, that they may hereby prevent their being prosecuted according to the Laws and his Majesties special Command.

*A short Account of the Institution and Nature of the  
Colledge of Physicians London.*

Published by the Colledge 1688.

**T**He Colledge of Physicians in London, being constituted of Men of generous and liberal Education, and instituted for publick benefit, out of which no person of sufficient Capacity and Learning can be excluded, consists of a President, Fellows, Candidates, Honorary Fellows, and Licentiates.

Now, of all these several Ranks and Degrees of Practisers in Physick, none of them is confined to any certain number, but the Fellows and Candidates; so that the rest being wholly unlimited, no person can be excluded out of the Colledge, or debarred from Practice, but such as are so wholly illiterate and unskilful, that they dare not adventure to submit themselves to the Examination and Judgement of the President and Censors of the Colledge, either as to the goodness of their Medicines, or their own skill in all or any part of Physick, though the President and Censors be men strictly sworn to do Justice to all persons who shall present themselves or their Medicines to their Scrutiny and Examination.

From hence it manifestly follows that the Colledge of Physicians is very far from being a Monopoly, since it cannot reject any of the King's Subjects who are duly qualified for the Exercise of all, or any part of Physick.

From all these their Statutes and published Advertisements to the World, it manifestly follows that Doctor John Badger is and has been legally and duly a Member of the Colledge of Physicians London for these Ten years last past, although his Name be not printed in their New Catalogue of 1693. Or the Colledge guilty of publishing to the World most notorious falsehoods; and to use their own words, is very far from being any other then a perfect Monopoly and Confederacy, that excludes regularly Commenced Doctors in our own Universities, and the King's Native Subjects, duly qualified for the Exercise of all and every part of Physick.





